

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 10 November 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3 and 5.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is in response to Applicant's amendment filed on 10 November 2005

Status of Claims

2. Claim 1 and 3 are currently amended. Claim 5 is previously presented. Claims 2, 4, 6 and 7 are previously cancelled.

Summary of this Office Action

3. Claims 1, 3 and 5 are allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter.

5. The prior art of record (Motoyama., U.S. Patent 5,913,202) teaches a financial information intermediary system which has a networking structure in which a financial delivery computer is linked to a plurality of financial intuitions such as bank-A, bank-B, and bank-C by private line services. The banks are connected to a global financial network system that provides

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online intermediary services concerning foreign exchange trade, for example. The financial delivery computer has another link to an external information source to obtain market information such as foreign exchange rates (column 4, line 66 thru column 5, line 10, Figures 1 and Figure 4).

The prior art of record fails to teach a method for the unified management of a plurality of assets allowing collective perusal of the real-time status of transactions and assets held by a user at a plurality of different companies by using a computer network and a unified asset management server, comprising the steps of: a client computer sending a prior notification which requests a financial institution server to send asset information to a unified asset management server; said client computer making a request to the unified asset management server to update a portfolio after the client computer received acknowledgement; and the unified asset management server making a request to the financial institution server to send asset information as discussed in the specification on page 11, line 9 thru page 12, line 13 and Figure 5. For these reasons claims 1 and 3 are deemed to be allowable over the prior art of record, and claim 5 is allowable by dependency.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stefano Karmis whose telephone number is (571) 272-6744. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on (571) 272-6747. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Respectfully Submitted
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